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From: Abigail French via LinkedIn
Sent: Mon 1/2/2017 12:15:47 AM
Subject: See Abigail's connections, experience, and more

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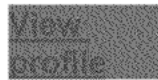
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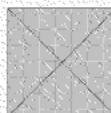
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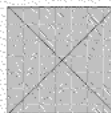


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This email was intended for Ken Rhame (Federal On-Scene Coordinator at US EPA). Learn why we included this.



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Cc: Harry Zinn[harry.zinn@ncdenr.gov]; Andrew Potter[apotter@otie.com]
From: Wendel, Jennifer
Sent: Tue 6/4/2013 1:31:09 PM
Subject: RE: Merritt Property - [REDACTED] Settlers Landing Ct, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Mr. Merritt. We (NC DENR and EPA) sampled your private well the week of April 22 as part of the long-term Site Evaluation Inspection of the Stony Hill Road groundwater contamination. We received the final results one week ago and are preparing the letters to residents with those results.

We did NOT detect any contaminants of concern in your well once again during this sampling event. If you should have any questions now or when you receive your letter, please feel free to give me a call at the office or on my cell 770-314-7179.



Jennifer L. Wendel

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From: Kenneth Rhame
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 4:18 PM

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To: "Mike Merritt" <mmerritt@rkk.com>
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2013 3:06:42 PM
Subject: RE: Merritt Property - [REDACTED] Settlers Landing Ct, Wake Forest, NC 27587

Good Afternoon,

We were able to sample your well during the week of April 22, 2013. I have mailed out those results the end of last week but here is a copy of your results. As you can see, the U's indicate that nothing was detected in your sample.

According to Jennifer Wendel of the EPA, we will be looking at late summer for the next sampling event. This is to give the groundwater a chance to stabilize its flow pattern after the impacted wells have been taken off-line for a period of time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Thanks

Harry Zinn

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D.A.R.T. Id: 13-0091

Project: 13-0340, Stony Hill Rd TCE - Reported by Kristin Trapp

Volatile Organics

Project: 13-0340, Stony Hill Rd TCE

Sample ID: 1005SLCb

Lab ID: E131705-11

Station ID: 1005SLC

Matrix: Groundwater

Date Collected: 4/22/13 15:32

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156-59-2	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	0.50	U	ug/L	0.50	4/29/13 9:41	4/29/13 12:46	EPA 8260C
127-18-4	Tetrachloroethene (Tetrachloroethylene)	0.50	U	ug/L	0.50	4/29/13 9:41	4/29/13 12:46	EPA 8260C
79-01-6	Trichloroethene (Trichloroethylene)	0.50	U	ug/L	0.50	4/29/13 9:41	4/29/13 12:46	EPA 8260C
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Bcc: Hill, Franklin[Hill.Franklin@epa.gov]; McGuire, Jim[McGuire.Jim@epa.gov]; Webster, James[Webster.James@epa.gov]; Andrew Potter[apotter@otie.com]
From: Kenneth Rhame
Sent: Sat 3/9/2013 3:37:00 AM
Subject: Question about Stony Hill Water Hook-Ups

Mr Joyner,

People will be able to hook up once the line is installed, pressure tested, chlorinated and sampled. This will likely occur in about a month?

People that are not contaminated must:

1. Contact Aqua to set up their account (same as people who are contaminated),
2. Pay the hook-up fee (Aqua is offering residents same discount offered to EPA for a period of time, contact Aqua for more details on time-frame).
3. Hire a plumber to run a service line from meter box to your home.
4. You will have to talk to Aqua and possibly the county health department regarding what they will require in regards to disconnecting your well, etc?

We will likely have a meeting for the neighborhood soon to give an update and to describe this process. Please contact me with any additional questions.

Thanks,
Ken Rhame
919-475-7397 cell

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Date: Thu, 23 May 2013 13:28:15 +0000

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Thanks,

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Cc: Kenneth Rhame[Rhame.Kenneth@epa.gov]
From: Spencer, L'Tonya
Sent: Wed 1/23/2013 9:22:30 PM
Subject: Stony Hill Fact Sheet Update
[Stony Hill Road Fact Sheet 2 January 2013.pdf](#)

Good Evening,

Attached is a copy of an Updated Fact Sheet on the Stony Hill TCE progress. It has been distributed to the mailboxes of the Stonewalls Subdivision and a few other homes outside of the subdivision. Just in case we missed someone, please forward to your e-mail list as you see fit.

If you have any questions, please call Kenneth Rhame or myself.

Thanks,
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FACT SHEET

EPA Removal Site Update

Stony Hill Road

Wake Forest, Wake County, North Carolina

No. 2

January 2013

This EPA Removal Site Update Fact Sheet summarizes the history of the Site; current status; and actions planned for the Site.

MAP

This fact sheet includes a map showing the path of the water line installation and how it connects to existing water line paths.

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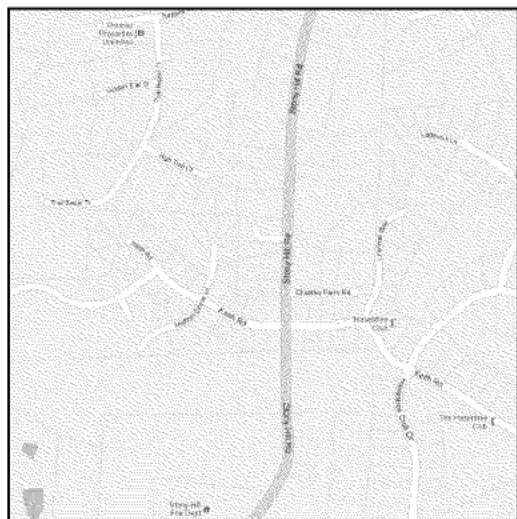
The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) notified EPA that TCE contamination was discovered in residential wells near Stony Hill Road in Wake Forest, NC. EPA has gathered more information to assess the potential of exposure to the residents by scheduling and completing several rounds of sampling events at residences with drinking water wells.

CURRENT STATUS AND ACTIONS PLANNED

In order to determine the potential for exposure, EPA has conducted drinking water well sampling in the area surrounding Stony Hill Road. As a result of the sampling, approximately 14 homes have been identified as having concentrations of TCE above the Removal Management Level (RML) and 21 homes have TCE detects. Bottled water is being supplied to impacted residents and filtration systems to impacted residents with higher concentrations above the RML.

Over the last few months, EPA, NC DENR, AQUA, Department of Transportation (DOT) and other entities have collaborated to finalize a process to build a water line and move forward with supplying water to impacted residents through a public drinking water system based on capacity. The process of building the water line began in January 2013 and is tentatively expected to be completed in March 2013. The attached map provides a visual of the path of the water line installation extension and location of current water lines that will be connected. (See Figure 1)

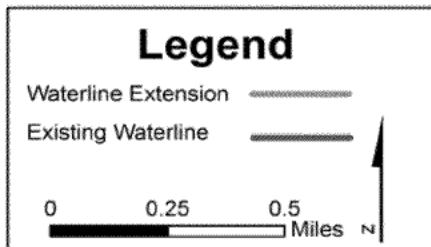
The 21 homes that have detects of TCE will be hooked up to the extended water line. Residents where the extended water line will pass their home will be provided meters and the option to hook up to the water line at their own expense via AQUA.





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Sent: Thur 9/26/2013 7:49:44 PM
Subject: Re: Aqua Lines for Stonewalls

Glad to hear it.

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Five emails with attached pix of Erin's visit with our community.

Larry

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Patricia and I know of no other solution but going with the most influential legal team presented by Erin yesterday to deal with toxic contamination. My current estimate for both the total volume of TCE as well as the accelerating rate of aquifer contamination means we will ALL be over the so-called safe limit in less than 10 years, maybe 3 years or less for most homes in Stonewalls and other nearby homes bordering Stonewalls, given my past studies of other massive TCE contamination sites across the US. Every site is different, but inhaled TCE will always attack the nervous system and brain in some related degree to exposure, and ingested TCE will always turn into VC, Vinyl Chloride, the nastiest stuff 1000 X TCE per Bob's statement yesterday, and it stays in the liver virtually all the remaining years of life in accumulated and increasing concentration doing its human cell's mitochondrial attack that causes cancer, and other diseases you wouldn't even wish on your worst enemy.

Time is of the essence, we're ready to move forward, and we believe we have the best legal team waiting and wanting our case. I don't think "it" could get better than this. I worked with a few folks over the years exposed to chloro-solvents who suffer very real injuries. Patricia and I don't even want any measurable TCE in our well, and EPA's MCL of 5 ppb is no more than a mountain of "road apples" in my opinion (I just got censored by my wife).
Larry

On Nov 4, 2012, at 10:22 AM, Jonathan Roth wrote:

We had a meeting with Erin Brockovich and Robert Bowcock yesterday. They work as independent contractors for the legal firm of Girardi and Keese. Tom Girardi is the guy who handled the Hinkley case included the movie. Erin seemed to know Sean Collins (lawyer from Chicago) fairly well and have worked with him in the past.

Notes from meeting;

Our wells will get worse. Especially given the extreme readings at some lots.

If you drink it, it leads to liver and kidney problems. If you breathe it, it causes brain problems.

Could take 30-40 years to develop symptoms.

300+ years to clean it up

Tom Girardi works mass tort cases from LA. He even won a fear of getting cancer case.

TCE breaks down into vinyl chloride which is WAY WORSE than TCE

Get full water chemical analysis to see if we have vinyl chloride too

Carbon filters are good if maintained, but bad if not. They can lead to "shedding" wherein the first person in the shower can be exposed to 5,000 PPB dump.

Bad wells should be pumping 24/7 and treated through carbon systems.

They start at a 10 mile radius and work their way in toward ground zero.

She has experience in NC and was received well by legislators.

If you get a call from Todd Brinkmeyer from Womble Carlyle, recognize he is working for Flextronics. As a group we decided it is best to have an attorney answer any of his questions.

HOA's will be members of any multiparty cases in addition to individual homeowners. We are not pursuing a class action case.

We have all probably lost the ability to refinance

We have the best chance of success if we stick together. A common practice will be for PRP to try to pick us off one by one, or start buying worst homes.

We should request that the pipes the EPA is paying for be owned by the city of Raleigh or Wake Forest and allow Aqua to operate them until such time they can be connected to a municipal supply.

Don't allow airstripping but do encourage remediation by

pumping and carbon filters at worst sites.

They left us copies of engagements to review. I will forward it to all once I get to a good scanner.

I am inclined to accept their offer once I speak with Mr. Girardi to more fully understand anticipated expenses. We will have a follow-up meeting once we know a little more.

Jon



Re: request for sampling

Lawrence Kusan to: Andrew Potter
Cc: Kenneth Rhame, "gbright@wakegov.com"

09/10/2012 08:48 PM

From: Lawrence Kusan <ljkusan[REDACTED]>
To: Andrew Potter <apotter@otie.com>,
Cc: Kenneth Rhame/R4/USEPA/US@EPA, "gbright@wakegov.com" <gbright@wakegov.com>

Thank you for your quick response. I have filled out your access agreement form and have attached 2 file types, pdf and jpg, so that you will be able to open at least one of them successfully.

Thanks,
Larry Kusan



Res Well Water Sampling Access Agreement.jpg



Res Well Water Sampling Access Agreement.pdf

On Sep 10, 2012, at 5:14 PM, Andrew Potter wrote:

> Attached is the access agreement.
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> Andrew Potter
> Environmental Scientist
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> From: Kenneth Rhame [Rhame.Kenneth@epamail.epa.gov]
> Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 4:43 PM
> To: gbright@wakegov.com; ljkusan[REDACTED]
> Cc: Andrew Potter
> Subject: Re: request for sampling
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> Mr. Kusan,
> Please contact me at 919-475-7397 to arrange for
your well to be sampled.
> Andrew Potter (EPA Contractor) will send you an
access agreement for you to fill out and return.

> I will have a temporary office at Stony Hill Rd and
Bud Morris Rd beginning tomorrow afternoon until
Thursday for
> people to stop by and get more information. I will
be in the parking lot of the Stony Hill Baptist
Church Community House.
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> Sincerely,
> Kenneth B. Rhame
> Federal On-Scene Coordinator
> US EPA Region 4
> Emergency Response Branch
> NCSU Campus Box 8008, Rm. 2219 Jordan Hall Addition
> 2800 Faucette Dr.
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> -----gbright@wakegov.com wrote: -----
> To: Kenneth Rhame/R4/USEPA/US@EPA
> From: gbright@wakegov.com
> Date: 09/10/2012 04:18PM
> Subject: request for sampling
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> Ken,
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> I received a call today from Larry Kusan at [REDACTED]
Bent Rd. He would like
> his well sampled. His email address is:
ljkusar [REDACTED]
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> Greg Bright, REHS
> Supervisor, Groundwater Program
> Wake County Department of Environmental Services
> PO Box 550
> Raleigh NC 27602
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>
> E-mail correspondence to and from this address is
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may be disclosed to third parties unless made
confidential under applicable law.
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